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Governor Signs Legislation to Enhance California's State Park System

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- California State Park's Director Lisa Mangat will join Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills), Assemblymember Marc Levine (D-San Rafael) and a number of partners next Tuesday in Culver City to commemorate the enactment of SB 204 and AB 549.

The bills, signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on October 7, will provide State Parks tools to help implement the Parks Forward Commission recommendations and Transformation Team goals that will strengthen the future of the state parks system.

WHAT: State Parks commemorates enactment of SB 204 (Pavley) and

AB 549 (Levine)

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook*

6300 Hetzler, Rd., Culver City, CA 90232

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*Site map included at the end of the press release

PARTICIPANTS

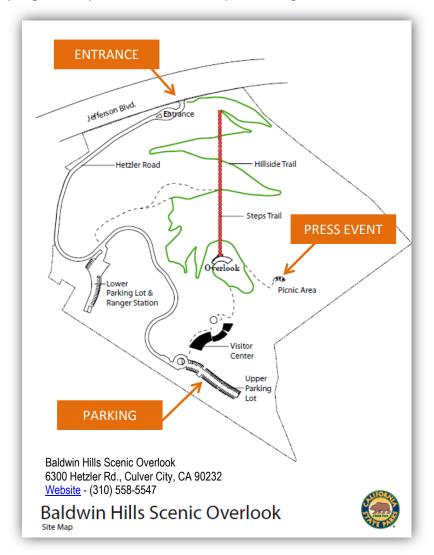
- Lisa Mangat, Director, State Parks
- Fran Pavley, Senator (D-Agoura Hills)
- Marc Levine, Assemblymember (D-San Rafael)
- Parks Forward Commissioners
- Resources Legacy Fund
- Transformation Advisory Committee
- California State Parks and Recreation Commissioners
- A number of State Parks' partners





The new laws will help the department create and nurture partnership opportunities, reach youth and leverage assets and resources to create new outreach programs, expand existing ones and improve accessibility to state parks for all.

In 2013, the Parks Forward Commission (Commission) was established under statute by Governor Brown to examine the steady deterioration of state parks over many years and to make recommendations to the Governor and California Legislature on how to reverse that course. The Commission issued its final recommendations in January 2015. Guided by these recommendations, a Transformation Team (Team) was formed. The Team is comprised of experienced and dedicated personnel from State Parks staff, outside entities and professional consultants. They developed a tactical Transformation Action Plan, which outlines strategic goals as well as priority initiatives for the department. A number of initiatives have been completed, while others are in progress. You can view information on the Transformation effort, including a progress report online at www.parks.ca.gov/transformationteam.



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